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The View



December 26, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...but *THE VIEW* from PUC is all about looking FORWARD to the future, *guided* by what we've learned from the PAST, hopefully with some measure of GRACE, January's worship theme. It's all here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



## Music Notes

### From the Music Department:



Thanks to everyone who got involved in the music program this year. Special thanks to members of the PUC Choir for their dedication and openness to new sounds and challenges. Thanks to Patricia Hart for her diligence in keeping us organized. Hungarian-born Balint Sapzon joined us this year as our Choir Accompanist.

Thanks to the Youth Choir, and to *Robin Arehart* for helping to organize the children and *Susan Rawcliffe* for teaching the children some new songs and movements.

Big thanks to *Hope Foye* for vocal help with both the adult and youth choirs. She continues to wow us with her voice, spirit, and practical knowledge of the mechanics of the human voice.

Thanks to some new people – singer Michael Paul and harpist *Stephanie Osborne*, and of course, *Max Kane* on the piano. Thanks also to Naomi Suzuki for her contribution to this year's Christmas Eve Service.

Remember that we are looking for people to join our choir. You can join for one piece or for the rest of your life.

Thanks and Keep Singing,

—*Severin*

*Dr. Severin Behnen, Music Director*

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**Religious Education Matters**  
Family Religious Education Ministry  
DECEMBER CALENDAR

## December's Monthly Theme: Peace

This Sunday

**December 29**

10:30 AM Service

### Making Peace With Our Past

Krista Weber, Student Minister

As we approach the end of the year and begin to prepare for the new year, student minister **Krista Weber** will explore the ways we deal with what has happened in our past, and how we can work to move into the future with more peace in our hearts, minds, and actions.

## The Week At a Glance

### Thursday, December 26, 2013

6:30 PM [PUC Choir Practice](#) – No Practice Tonight

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

### Saturday, December 28, 2013

9 AM Strategic Planning - O  
10 AM French Conversation Grp – V [2nd & 4th Saturdays]

### Sunday, December 29, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H  
11:45 AM PUC YoUUth Choir Rehearsal - CR2  
12 PM Half a Century Marrieds

**Religious Education Matters**  
**Family Religious Education Ministry**  
**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, 12/24: The First Christmas Carol**

Celebrate the season with carols and candlelight. Rev. Tamara invites people of all ages who seek the true meaning of Christmas to come to our very special Christmas Eve candlelight Service at 5 PM

**12/29: Religious Education Volunteer Break**

Free Play Day for ages six and under. Ages seven and older please attend the Worship Service.

—Rev. Tamara

[AssocMinister@pacifunitarian.org](mailto:AssocMinister@pacifunitarian.org)



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to request to be added to the R.E. Family Facebook Group.

**REIKI COURSE & HEALING EVENT @ PUC**

**Thurs., Jan. 2; Sat., Jan. 4; & Sun. Jan. 5**

► Free Intro: **Thu Jan 2 @ 7PM**

Reiki 1: **Sa Jan 4 @ 10 AM-4PM**

Reiki 2: **Su Jan 5 @ 12:30-6:30PM**

Space Is Limited. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Register Online Today @ [CreateMeaning.org](http://CreateMeaning.org) - look for current South Bay offerings.



**(Re)Introducing Mike Mariani, Facilities Manager**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce (or re-introduce) you to Mike Mariani and inform you of his new position of Facilities Manager!

Here are his responsibilities:

- Facilities maintenance and improvements
- Part-time staff management
- On-site event and rental production oversight

To assist him in his employment, Mike is in need of a vehicle. We want to make this a reality. If you are in the position to donate toward a vehicle or you have an older vehicle that you can sell or donate- please call me at 310.710.6846.

Please join me in giving Mike a warm PUC welcome next time you see him!

—Sincerely,

**Reverend John**

**Be An AweSomebody!!! We Need You!!!**

This is a story about four people: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was asked to do it.

Group - Fu Yuan Low Restaurant

**Monday, December 30, 2013**

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H

5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H

7 PM Men's Ministry -V

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

**New Year's Day**

**Thursday, January 2, 2014**

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - No Class Today

6:30 PM PUC Choir Practice - No Practice Tonight

7 PM Reiki Demo Session - CR1

**Flowers for the Church**

*Sunday's Flowers are "to celebrate Krista's first Service in PUC's pulpit.."*

—Jen Hocutt

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to reserve your date!

**Next open dates:**

**Almost all 2014 dates are OPEN!**



**Saturday, 1/25: Kirtan - Indian Devotional Music Comes to South Bay**

You're all invited to experience an uplifting journey of sound at an evening of Kirtan, 7:30 PM, **Saturday, January 25** at Create Meaning—South Bay LA, the new center for spiritual renewal at PUC. The event is free and open to the public. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Contact: Kim Gosney (310) 504-4919

[kim@createmeaning.org](mailto:kim@createmeaning.org)

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**January's Monthly Theme:**  
**GRACE**

**1/5: Grace Has Many Names**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

**Everybody** was sure **Somebody** would do it.  
**Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it.  
**Somebody** got upset about that because it was **Everybody's** job,  
**Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that  
**Everybody** wouldn't do it.  
It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when actually  
**Nobody** asked **Anybody**.  
Wanna be an **AWESOMEBODY!** Contact [Leadership Development](#)  
(Kathy Rickey, Judy Shaffer, & Maurice Chevalier) & let them know  
what YoUU'd like to do to help make our community better &  
stronger!

## GATHER THE SPIRIT

### Wednesday Minister's Classes Continues

**The Problem of Evil:** How do we reconcile evil in our lives and  
with religious understandings of a loving God? Rev. John will explore  
the various philosophical understandings of evil and the solutions to  
this deep problem.

11AM-12:15 PM, **Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for upcoming offerings.

### You Can Still Help Make the Holidays Special By Helping Harbor Interfaith Services Help Others in Need

This holiday season please consider making a special effort to  
bring canned and dry goods to Church for Harbor Interfaith  
Services. Items needed are groceries; toiletries, such as toothpaste  
and toothbrushes, feminine products, bath soap, and deodorant; and  
household goods, such as pots, pans, and silverware. Please drop  
your donations in the baskets as you enter the Hall for Sunday's  
Service.

What an excellent way to share the gift of giving throughout the  
year. We hope for the number of donations to increase substantially,  
as it has in the past. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the complete Harbor  
Interfaith wish list.

### Try Our Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

Get ready for the New Year with a healthy practice for your mind,  
body, & spirit! Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:30PM** for  
*Kundalini yoga*, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for  
developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character.  
Led by: *Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist*  
[www.yogawithaimee.com](http://www.yogawithaimee.com).

Join us as we move with relaxing music to calm the mind while  
keeping the body healthy and youthful. Tap into your body's innate  
inner healing power! There is a suggested donation per class.

### Around Our District and Beyond...



### A UU Said That?

"It is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them." -

—[Adlai Stevenson](#),  
(Politician & Diplomat; Unitarian)

Grace is the manifestation of the  
Holy in our lives. Rev. John begins  
the New Year with a look at the  
many forms of grace. We will have  
a meditation by our visiting Reiki  
Master Tenzen Lama Sherpa and a  
child blessing for Althea Willow  
Masterson, daughter of Claire  
Moss and Bryan Masterson. Join  
us!

**1/12: Amazing Grace**  
Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki  
TBA

**1/19: Roots Hold Me Close**  
Rev. John Morehouse  
What grounds us in our world?  
Rev. John explores the power of  
our roots.

**1/26: Wings Set Me Free**  
Rev. John Morehouse  
Grace also calls us to go beyond  
our horizons. Join us as Rev. John  
offers up some possibilities.

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### Fifth Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

**Ushers:**  
Linnea Eades & **OPEN POSITION**

**Welcome Table:**  
Betty Saunders

**Greeters:**  
Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

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**Recurring Events**  
Download the [AdUUIt Program &  
Religious Education Flyer](#).

**Sundays**  
YRUU High School Group. 10:30  
AM, L  
Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th  
Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low  
Restaurant - Next Date: **Sunday,**  
**December 29**  
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7

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"My name is Sloane Powers and I am a member of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Thousand Oaks. I was accepted into a month long program in

Torrance to become certified in teaching English as a second language and I am looking for a place to stay during that month.

I don't know anyone in that area and I am inquiring as to whether there might be someone from your congregation that I could rent a room from. I would need a place to sleep and be able to prepare my own meals. My program runs from January 6 through Jan 31. I would only need a place to stay Mondays through Thursdays during those dates (4 weeks total) as I would be going home on the weekends.

Please let me know if anyone could accommodate me. I would greatly appreciate it.

—*Sloane Powers*,  
[sloanepowers@live.com](mailto:sloanepowers@live.com)

[Submit your posting request](#)

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#### **Sunday Service: 10:30 AM**

Office Hrs: Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon. - Thurs: 11 PM - 5 PM

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PM, 2nd Sun., L  
Books in Our Lives Covenant  
Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

#### **Mondays**

Tai Chi (Pekich), Monday, 10 AM,  
H

Women's Reading & Responding  
Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM, L

[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#) - All are  
welcome, Mon., 5 PM, H

Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V  
Environmental Covenant Group,

1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Soulful Sundown, 1st Mon., 7:30  
PM, H

#### **Tuesdays**

Ways & Means Cmte, 2nd Tues., 7  
PM, L

Program Council, 4th Tues., 7 PM,  
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#### **Thursdays**

Women's Circle, 4th Thurs., 10 AM

Tai Chi (Beck), Thurs, 10 AM, H

Seniors Pow Wow to Share How,  
3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L

[PUC Choir Practice](#): Thurs., 6:30  
PM, H

Environmental Priorities Network

Mtg, 2nd Thurs., 7:30 PM, L

Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee

Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM,

Catalina Coffee Co.

#### **Fridays**

GBLTQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

#### **Saturdays**

French Conversation Grp, 2nd &

4th Sat., 10 AM, V

